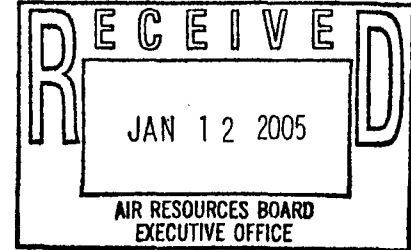




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Dear Ms. Witherspoon,

We have reviewed the Goods Movement Action Plan Phase II Progress Report: Draft Framework for Action (12/20/05). We think that it is an excellent summary of the Governor's initiative to undertake aggressive actions to improve public health and overall environmental quality despite growth in activities associated with the goods movement. EPA Region 9 supports your efforts to develop strategies that will mitigate adverse environmental impacts on a Statewide basis while also addressing the special health concerns of the most affected communities.

EPA Region 9 is also reviewing the ARB's draft Emission Reduction Plan for Ports and International Goods Movement in California (12/1/05), which is an important step in quantifying potential increases in emissions, the public health costs from exposure to criteria pollutants and air toxics, and the benefits of a package of strategies that would seek to eliminate those costs. Recognizing that some of these proposed clean air strategies rely on Federal actions or invite Federal support, we look forward to working closely with you and your staff to continue analysis, refinement, and implementation of effective controls.

Thank you for inviting our participation in the public process for the Goods Movement Action Plan. Please call on me at any time should you need our assistance.

Sincerely,


Deborah Jordan
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